King County	Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention Adult Divisions General Policy Manual	
	Chapter 4 **Security and Use of Force**	
4.03.003, Electronic Stun Shield	Approved By:	Director Allen Nance
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Purpose
To establish department guidelines for the use of the Electronic Stun Shield by uniformed staff.

Policy
It is the policy of the department that the Electronic Stun Shield will only be used by trained staff and only be used in accordance with the Use of Force policy.

References
Department Forms:
Rule Infraction/Behavior Modification Report
Supervisor's Incident Report
Officer's Report
Department Policy: 1.02.006, Quartermaster and Inventory Control
4.03.014, Use of Force
Other: Settlement Agreement with the United States Department of Justice

Definitions
Electronic Control Device (ECD): A device that uses electricity to assist in gaining control of a resistive and/or dangerous inmate. The electronic stun shield when activated and applied to an inmate's body uses a low amperage electrical charge and is the only department approved ECD.

- For purposes of this policy, ECD does not include Taser CEW (see Policy 4.03.018 for the use of a Taser CEW).

Use of Force Continuum: A visual model that depicts acceptable use of force responses to various levels of resistance. The department's Use of Force Continuum is provided to all uniformed staff, along with training on force techniques.
Anticipated Use of Physical Force: A use of force where it is feasible for a staff member to notify a supervisor prior to the application of force. This includes any situation where an inmate is contained (i.e., confined to a cell, dayroom, multi-purpose room, yard out or visiting area) and no individual is in immediate danger of injury or where escape is not imminent.

Physical Force: Any act reasonably likely to cause physical pain or injury or any other act exerted upon a person's body to compel, control, constrain or restrain the person's movement. Physical force does not include pat-downs, incidental touching, verbal commands or compliant handcuffing where there is no physical pain or injury.
Necessary: Under the totality of the circumstances, a reasonably effective alternative to the use of physical force or deadly force does not appear to exist, and the type and amount of physical force or deadly force used is a reasonable and proportional response to affect the lawful purpose intended or to protect against the threat posed to the officer or others.
Passive Resistance: A conscious inmate who fails to obey verbal directives but is not physically counteracting an officer's attempt to control the inmate.
Reasonable: Under the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable uniformed staff member could make the same decision regarding whether to use force and how much force to use.
Totality of the Circumstances: All facts known to the officer leading up to, and at the time of, the use of force, and includes the actions of the person against whom the officer uses such force, and the actions of the officer.

A. General Guidelines

1. The Electronic Stun Shield can be an effective way to gain control over resistive and/or dangerous inmates and reduce the physical force necessary to effectively control inmates while limiting the risk of injury to staff and/or inmates.
2. Use of the Electronic Stun Shield is classified as a use of force and shall be used in accordance with the Use of Force Continuum and following department policy 4.03.014, Use of Force, including the requirements pertaining to: reporting, investigating & review and Jail Health Services (JHS) response & assistance.
3. Only uniformed staff who are authorized by a Sergeant, or higher-ranking authority, may use the Electronic Stun Shield.
4. Uniformed staff shall not use the Electronic Stun Shield as a means of punishment or retaliation, including in response to verbal abuse alone.
5. Uniformed staff shall only activate the Electronic Stun Shield for as long as reasonably necessary to overcome resistance and bring the inmate under control.
6. Uniformed staff shall avoid using the Electronic Stun Shield against an inmate displaying passive resistance and it should only be used as last resort to induce compliance or restore order.
    a) If the Electronic Stun Shield is to be used against passive resistance, staff shall first provide repeated notice that the Electronic Stun Shield will be used and allow the inmate adequate time to comply with the order before each stun application. Staff will also attempt to gain compliance through alternative means.
7. Prior to using the Electronic Stun Shield, the duty sergeant shall:
    a) In advance, consult with Jail Health Services (JHS) via an RN.
        1) JHS staff will advise regarding any contraindications relevant to the use of the Electronic Stun Shield.
    b) Take into consideration any information provided by JHS.
8. The Electronic Stun Shield should not be used on any inmate known to be or suspected of being pregnant or known to be suffering from heart disease, multiple

sclerosis or neuromuscular disease, unless deadly force is the only other option and the use of the device is to address a life-threatening situation.

9. The Electronic Stun Shield is not a replacement or substitute for other authorized defensive techniques or devices and should only be used when force is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances.
10. The use of the Electronic Stun Shield by uniformed staff shall be documented following department policy 4.03.014, Use of Force, to include the circumstances that led to the use of force and why the use of force was reasonable and necessary. The duty sergeant shall compile, complete and forward all reports to the shift commander, following policy 1.01.008, Processing Staff Reports which will include: Rule Infraction Report, Officer's Report and Supervisor's Incident Report .
11. When the Electronic Stun Shield is used, photographs of contact marks, if any, and any secondary injuries shall be taken, when reasonable. A copy of these photographs shall be uploaded with the Supervisor's Incident Report following policy 4.01.023, Video Recordings .
12. Uniformed staff shall inspect and check functionality of the Electronic Stun Shield prior to each use as outlined by department approved training.

B. Medical Evaluation

1. According to the manufacturer, Electronic Stun Shields do not normally cause any significant injury. An inmate may, however, receive secondary injuries as a result of falling when the device is activated.
2. The inmate shall be evaluated by medical personnel after the use of an Electronic Stun Shield.

C. Maintenance and Storage

1. Maintenance and Supply at each facility shall issue, inventory, inspect and maintain the Electronic Stun Shields in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and following department policy 1.02.006, Quartermaster and Inventory Control.
2. Electronic Stun Shields shall be stored in a secure, clean and dry location.
3. Each facility shall follow the manufacturer's requirements for Electronic Stun Shields to ensure proper charging.
4. Broken or malfunctioning Electronic Stun Shields shall not be used and defective or damaged Electronic Stun Shields shall be returned to Maintenance and Supply.
5. Maintenance and Supply shall supply replacement batteries.